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**COKE TRADE OF YEAR 1916  
HAD THE BIGGEST TONNAGE  
IN HISTORY OF THE REGION****Output 21,654,502 Tons,  
Valued at \$55,768,615  
at the Ovens.****A LARGE INCREASE OVER 1915**

Being 20% Greater in Volume and 50% Greater in Value Than in Previous Year; and Only 6% Below 1913's Record; Remarkable Period in Industry.

The Weekly Courier's Annual Review of the Coke Trade of the Connellsville Region, published today, says:

The Connellsville coke region marked during the year 1916 5,654,502 tons of coke having an aggregate value of \$55,768,615, being estimated at \$2.58 per net ton at the ovens. Compared with 1915 the coke trade of the past year was 20% greater in volume and 50% greater in value of product.

It was the biggest year in the history of the region in point of tonnage shipped exceeding the banner year of 1913 by 1,656,000 tons or about 8%. In value of product the record of the year is the second best, falling short of 1913, when the average price was \$2.96, by \$2.00, or a little over 6%, but it was \$1,405,610 more than the gross revenue of 1907 when the average price was \$2.30.

The year 1916 was in a number of respects one of the most remarkable in the history of the Connellsville region. It was marked by well sustained demand and prices during the greater part of the year and by abnormal demand and exceptional prices in its closing months. More unusual and extraordinary trade conditions were met as the year progressed than have confronted the operators in all their previous experience.

It has been the common tale of the coke operator to have troubles. Car troubles, labor troubles, price troubles and then just plain assortment of troubles. Fate has hitherto dealt kindly with him, though, and he has been able to get through with them as they came, and at no time did operators have to go into the highways and byways of the market to pick up enough orders to keep the plants running. In contemplation of its many blessings which mostly came in strange disguise, there is disposition to look back on the year with satisfaction.

With all its faults the coke operators will have 1916 still. The by-product gas has lost its frightful price; the region has discovered itself through the development of a good coal business; the sky-rocking prices of spot coke set a new basis for contracts, and at no time did operators have to go into the highways and byways of the market to pick up enough orders to keep the plants running. In contemplation of its many blessings which mostly came in strange disguise, there is disposition to look back on the year with satisfaction.

The following tabulated statement gives a comprehensive view of the coke trade for the past 35 years, during the whole period of its importance as an industry. It shows the number of ovens in commission at the close of each year, the annual output, the average price and the gross value of the output, as compiled and published annually by The Courier:

Year	Ovens	Output	Price	Value
1880	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1881	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1882	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1883	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1884	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1885	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1886	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1887	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1888	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1889	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1890	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1891	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1892	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1893	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1894	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1895	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1896	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1897	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1898	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1899	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1900	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1901	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1902	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1903	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1904	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1905	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1906	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1907	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1908	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1909	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1910	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1911	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1912	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1913	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1914	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1915	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000
1916	1,000	1,000,000	\$1.00	\$1,000,000

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**RELEASED SAFE  
BLOWER RETURNS  
\$15,000 PEARLS**

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—A rope of 62 pearls valued at \$16,000 which Mrs. Charles L. Hutchinson, wife of a local banker, lost while shopping last Tuesday was restored to her today.

According to the story made public the pearls were found by a man who recently was released from Moyamensing penitentiary, Philadelphia, after serving a long term for safe blowing, and who despite straitened circumstances, headed the plea of his wife to restore the pearls to the owner. The man whose name was withheld was given \$100 reward.

**OLD INJURY IS  
CAUSE OF DEATH**

Gangrene Sets In After 20 Years and  
Sunderland Man

Special to The Courier.

SOMERSET, Jan. 4.—A horse trampling on his foot and amputating a toe more than 20 years ago caused the death of Harvey L. Countrymen, a well-known Brothersville township farmer, yesterday morning at 6 o'clock.

The injury caused Countrymen no annoyance until last fall when he had the toe amputated in a Cumberland Hospital. Gangrene developed and it was found that he was past surgical assistance. Except several years he served with the United States Internal Revenue department, Countrymen's life was devoted to farming.

He was 63 years of age. He was born in Jefferson township, a son of Jacob and Lydia (Shaulis) Countrymen. Besides his wife, Ella Muesel, Countrymen has a son, Edgar, and two daughters, Jacob and Edwina. Countrymen was a member of the Cumberland Hospital. Gangrene developed and it was found that he was past surgical assistance. Except several years he served with the United States Internal Revenue department, Countrymen's life was devoted to farming.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. H. B. Burkholder, pastor of the Berlin Lutheran Church.

**COAL OPERATOR SUSPECTED**

Man From Pittsburgh District Searched  
For in Murder Case.

By Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—Police efforts in the search to find the murderer of Mabel Colborn, artist model, and former mannequin, who was found beaten and strangled in her apartment last Saturday night were today directed to locating the identity of a man who was driven in a taxicab early Friday morning to the street corner where the apartment house stands.

Two public school teachers came in the case today and are assisting the police in trying to identify the taxicab passenger. A chauffeur some days ago told the police that late on Thursday night he drove a man and two women to Germantown, a suburb, left the women at their house, and then brought the man to town leaving him at the apartment house corner.

According to the young woman, the man is connected with a coal company in or near Pittsburgh.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—Elwood Powell, a taxicab chauffeur who told the police a few days ago that he drove a man to the apartment house where Mabel Colborn, the artist model, was found murdered, and that the man disappeared without paying the bill for the hire of the vehicle, today swore out a warrant for the arrest of one Bernard W. Lewis, said to be the son of a coal operator of Pittsburgh, Pa., on a charge of defrauding him out of the taxicab bill.

**2,587 FATAL ACCIDENTS**

Report of State Department Shows  
251,885 Mishaps in Year.

By Associated Press.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 4.—Industrial accidents in Pennsylvania during 1916 totaled 251,885 of which 2,587 resulted fatally, according to statistics made public today by the State Department of Labor and Industry.

The reports were submitted by employers who are required under state laws to send information on all accidents to the department.

Can't Resume Work.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Work on the new union passenger and freight terminal which is to cost \$17,000,000 has been tied up for six months because of a series of strikes called last summer by the Chicago Building Trades Council and efforts to get the construction under way have been fruitless, it was learned today.

Ferry Sinks; 25 Drown.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A Central News dispatch from Athens says that 23 women and children were drowned through the sinking of a ferry boat in a collision on the Mottelle near Bellin.

**DIRECT NON SUIT  
IN COSTA CASE**

Suit of S. R. Means for \$2,500 Thrown  
Out On Grounds of Contributory  
Negligence.

Special to The Courier.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 4.—On grounds of contributory negligence, Judge E. H. Soper today in common pleas court granted a compulsory non-suit in the case of S. R. Means of Vanderbilt, against Louis Costa of Dickerson Run, in which Mr. Means asked \$2,500 damages for personal injuries. The motion for a non-suit was made on completion of the plaintiff's case in the case by Attorney Joseph G. Carroll, representing Mr. Costa.

Mr. Means was injured November 3, 1915, when he fell into the excavation of the bridge being constructed for the county by Mr. Costa. He was plunged into the creek below at a late hour in the night. Claim was made that there were no danger signals nor guard rails to warn pedestrians that the floor had been removed from the bridge. The bridge was on the Evergreen road in Vanderbilt.

By agreement of counsel, a verdict was taken in common pleas court for the plaintiff for \$170 in the suit of W. H. Helmer against James Lackey and others of Brownsville. The case was listed for trial Thursday.

The trial of Margaret A. Black against Mrs. Thilo W. Black, executrix of the will of John W. Black, deceased, and the case of Albert C. Black against the same defendant, which was tried by the same jury, was closed today before Judge J. C. Van Swearingen. The trial was held up yesterday afternoon on account of Judge Van Swearingen being called to the bedside of John S. Douglas, who died this morning. The suit of Mrs. Black and her son against the executrix of John W. Black's estate was to recover on an agreement by which Mrs. Black was alleged to have been paid \$500 out of his estate, together with several other alleged claims.

**NAB MASTER HOTEL THIEF**

Police in St. Louis Get Escaped Sing  
Sing Convict.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Ernest Leford, arrested in St. Louis, where he was registered at a hotel as James B. Harland, is known to the New York police today as the "master hotel thief" (alias) who was once a chauffeur for W. K. Vanderbilt.

Leford escaped from Sing Sing last July. He was serving a three year term for the theft of \$5,000 worth of jewelry from a guest room in a hotel here. He is also under indictment for the theft of jewelry to the value of \$50,000 from various other New York hotels. He was a member of the Mutual Welfare League of Sing Sing and escaped while working with a road gang near the prison. A nation-wide alarm was sent out for his arrest.

**MOVIE STARS IN PERIL**

Studio Destroyed By Fire and Players  
Have Narrow Escape.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A freepress stairway, specially provided for just such an emergency, saved Olga Petrova and other stars of the Popular Players and Players' Film Company this afternoon. The studio of the concern in West Thirty-fifth street caught fire and was destroyed in an amazingly short time. Two employees were slightly injured.

Mme. Petrova, Mabel Hamilton and Winifred Stauden, the principals in a film which was being made in the studio on the third floor, and 25 others, actors and employees, descended the special stairway through a literal wall of fire.

**ARREST CHECK FORGERS**

Police Say He Chose Christmas Season  
For His Operations.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Detectives employed by the American Bankers' Association declared today that a man arrested yesterday in a St. Louis hotel where he registered as "A. J. Paget" was "Christmas" enough, so called because he always chose Christmas week to circulate counterfeit travelers' checks for \$200 drawn on the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Toronto.

Paget or Keough was arrested upon the complaint of the association's detectives charged with passing \$2,000 worth of these checks upon New York retail merchants on December 23.

BREKES PAROLE.

Editor of Courier Paper Only One of  
17 Who Fail to Return to Prison.

By Associated Press.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 4.—"Tex" Schappert, editor of "Square Deal," the prison organ at the Kansas state penitentiary, is the only one of 17 convicts granted Christmas paroles by Governor Arthur Capper who had not returned today.

Unless word is received some time today, Schappert's whereabouts, Warden Coddins said he would be considered a parole violator and an order would be sent out for his arrest.

Grocery Man Resigns.

D. A. McCleary, for some time employed as a clerk in the grocery department of the Weight-Meter Company, has resigned because of ill health.

New Cop Goes On.

Charles Shipley, new patrolman chosen yesterday, went on duty last night.

**PRESIDENT NOT  
TO DROP PEACE  
NEGOTIATIONS**

Entente Refusal to Discuss  
Terms Will Not Mean End  
of Peace Efforts.

**WILL MAKE ONE MORE MOVE**

No Final Decision as to Nature of  
Next Step is Reached, However,  
Believing to be Coupled Soon  
to Discuss Reply of the Entente.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—If the Entente reply to President Wilson's note fails to meet his proposal for an early decision as to the nature of the next step had been reached.

This became definitely known today although it was indicated that no final decision as to the nature of the next step had been reached. Ambassador Sharp at Paris cabled today he had been notified the Entente would be placed in his hands soon but gave no date and it was said he had no forecast of its contents.

**76 DEPORTED BELGIANS  
ARE RETURNED HOME**

THE HAGUE, Jan. 4.—The first group received directly from Belgium deported to Germany who have been invalided from the camp at Soltau, Prussia, has been given to the Associated Press. These persons were returned from Germany because they were in almost dying condition. A number of them who were interviewed while separated from each other agreed in their story of conditions in the camp.

Seventy of the Belgians were sent home in a crowded cattle truck attached to a freight train. It took three days and three nights for the journey which is usually made by express train in six hours. They arrived home in an emaciated condition, coughing, the greater number of them bearing evidence of having contracted tuberculosis.

**RUSSIANS SUCCESSFUL  
ON ROMANIAN FRONT.**

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.—The capture of 600 Russians on the Rumanian front here, the capture of three cannons and 16 machine guns together with some mine throwers and bomb mortars is announced by the Russian press. The success resulted from an attack on host positions on heights to the south of Botoch mountains in the wooded Carpathians.

**REICHSTAG IS SOON  
TO BE CONVOKED**

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A plenary session of the Reichstag will possibly be convoked in the middle of January, according to a Reuters dispatch from Amsterdam, quoting the Berlin Vorwaerts. The newspaper says that "it is obvious that the chancellor as well as the parties would like to express an opinion on the Entente's refusal of Germany's peace offer."

**NIGHT CALM ON WHOLE  
FRONT, PARIS REPORTS**

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The night was calm over the whole front, says today's official announcement.

**EUROPEAN WAR DEBT  
INCREASED 60 BILLIONS**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The increase in the national debt of Great Britain, France, Russia and Germany and Austria-Hungary is estimated by the federal reserve board at \$4,455,000,000 from the beginning of the war to the latest part of 1916 with the exception of Austria-Hungary in whose case the estimate extends only to May, 1916.

Twenty-nine billions is the three Entente nations' share of the total, and \$20,000,000,000 is that of the two Central Powers. This estimate, the board stated in tabulations made public today, is approximate and does not cover the cost of the war as large revenues of undetermined amounts have been raised by internal taxation.

**INJURED IN MINE**

Machineist at Moyer Dragged Some Distance  
By Runaway Horse.

C. H. Baisley, a machineist at the W. J. Moyer mine at Moyer was painfully injured when he was dragged for some distance in the mine yesterday by a runaway horse.

Mr. Baisley went into the mine to repair a pump. His horse scared for some unknown reason and ran away. He was dragged a long distance, being unable to release himself.

**Weather Forecast**

Probably rain in south, rain or snow in north portion tonight and Friday; somewhat warmer tonight; fresh east, and southeast winds, is the noon weather forecast for Western Pennsylvania.

**Temperature Record**

	1917	1916
Maximum	56	42
Minimum	31	24
Mean	44	33

The Young river rose from 5.06 to 5.50 feet during the night.

**ENERGETIC THIEF STEALS  
TWO HALF MILES OF COPPER  
WIRE FROM B. & O. LINES**

An extremely energetic thief stole a half mile of copper wire from the Baltimore & Ohio telegraph line at West Overton on Tuesday. After the railroad men had replaced the line, the same thief went back and stole it again. Thus he got a mile of wire, which is pretty high in price now, and had a good joke on the railroad.

The would-be wealthy one took a pair of pliers and going to the telegraph line running from the towers of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, climbed up one of the poles and snipped the wire off. He walked a half mile down the line and mounting another pole snipped the wire at that end also. He wound up his half mile of copper and made an easy getaway.

The railroad men were notified as soon as the break was discovered and immediately strung another wire to take the place of the stolen one. Later on in the day the thief snipped off the half mile put up by the line men and took it along to add to the other. The railroad police have as yet made no arrests.

**"LEAK" PROBE  
BEGINS FRIDAY**

Thomas W. Lawson Subpoenaed by  
Telegraph to Appear Before  
House Committee.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Hearings on Representative Woods' "leak" charges in connection with President Wilson's peace note will begin tomorrow morning before the House rules committee. Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, Representative Wood and Representative Gardner of Massachusetts will be the first heard. Lawson was today subpoenaed by telegraph. Arrangements for the hearings were made by unanimous vote of the rules committee.

Democrats said they expected to show that neither Lawson, Wood nor Gardner, have any tangible evidence of a "leak" and thus the majority membership of the committee will be justified in reporting the Wood resolution unfavorably.

Republicans, obviously pleased over obtaining an open hearing, declared emphatically today that they would force a full investigation.

**ACCIDENTS DECREASE**

Somerset District Establishes Record  
During 1916.

Special to The Courier.

SOMERSET, Jan. 4.—Mine Inspector Fletcher W. Cunningham of Somerset, who has charge of the 29th bituminous inspection district, announced today that there was a big decrease in the number of fatal accidents in the district in 1916.

There were only 11 fatalities, last year compared with 55 in 1915. However, in 1915, 15 miners lost their lives in the Bawell explosion, leaving 15 without that extraordinary occurrence. Even deducting the 13 killed at Bawell in 1915 there was a decrease of 21 per cent for the year 1916, which is highly gratifying to both operators and miners.

Mine Inspector Cunningham estimates that the production in the district dropped about 20 per cent in 1916, due to labor and car shortage and railroad embargoes.

The 29th district includes all of Somerset county south of Hollingshead except mines on the Bertha branch.

**MRS. DIAL IS 102**

Jacobs Creek Woman Probably the  
Oldest in the State.

Mrs. Hannah Dial of Jacobs Creek, the oldest woman in Westmoreland county and probably the oldest in the state, celebrated her one hundred and second birthday at her home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Dial is probably the only true daughter of the American Revolution living, her father, Robert Simmons, having served throughout the Revolutionary War with a distinguished record for bravery. He was a scout and Indian fighter and several times was captured by the Indians and tortured because he would not betray the plans of the American army.

**OFFICE SELF-SUPPORTING**

Somerset County Detective Does Not  
Cost County a Cent.

According to the report of County Detective Edward Hancock of Somerset county for the year 1916 the office of county detective does not cost the taxpayers a cent. The report shows that the office is self-supporting, especially since the detective has been made public officer.

During the year 67 defendants were paroled. Costs and fines aggregated \$2,561.41. Of this amount Detective Hancock has collected \$1,790.02, materially more than his salary, leaving a balance of more than \$1,000 yet to be paid into the county treasury on monthly payments.

**OLD PRICES JUMP.**

Advances are Announced by Big Petroleum  
Computers.

By Associated Press.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 4.—An advance of 10 cents a barrel in the price of petroleum was announced today by the Texas company. The new price places Caddo Light, Drift and North Texas at \$1.50 and Salt Lake Light at \$1.30 per barrel.

Railroad Manager Hired.

General Manager S. James of the Western Maryland railroad was here for a short time this morning on his way to Pittsburgh. His special car was brought in on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 59 from Fairmont. It was transferred to Pittsburgh & Lake Erie No. 156 at West Young and taken through to Pittsburgh.

**COUNCIL'S MOVE  
FOR PLAYGROUNDS  
MEETS WITH FAVOR**

Hone Expressed That School  
Board Will Also Make  
an Appropriation.

**TO ASK OTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Residents of City to be Solicited for  
Contributions to the Fund; Play-  
ground Moves to be Brought Here  
Soon by Connellman John Duggan.

Connellsville is practically assured of playgrounds now that council has made a \$500 appropriation for the purpose, according to a statement made this morning by one of the leaders in the movement.

"Now if school board will see the light," he said, "and appropriate an equal amount, this, together with the sum which will be raised by private subscription, will go far toward securing perfectly equipped playgrounds here."

Even if the school directors do not make an appropriation, it seems that some sort of equipment could be secured with council's \$500. The cost of the apparatus is not excessive and there is no doubt that \$500 will go a long way toward making playgrounds an actuality.

Citizens generally seem well pleased with council's appropriation. No opposition has been raised to the plan of spending \$500 for this purpose. The playground movement, it is expected, will now take a spurt and much activity among the leaders will result from the appropriation of council. A meeting of the playgrounds association, recently organized, will be called in a short time.

President John Duggan, Sr., of the association, has arranged to bring moving pictures, showing playgrounds and playground work in neighboring towns, to Connellsville, and will exhibit them here in the near future. It is probable that the first steps toward making up private subscription lists will also be taken soon.

**INJURIES CAUSE DEATH**

## MINER CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER CAGE AT MOREWOOD MINE

Walks Under It Instead of Around and Is Caught as It Descends Into Pit.

### BOY STEALS TWO CAMERAS

Thirteen Year Old Youth Takes Advantage of Druggist's Absence to Rob Store Unwillingly J. G. Thompson Finds a Lively Grueshipper.

Special to The Courier.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Jan. 4.—William Lakin, 27, was crushed to death by a descending cage at the Morewood mine about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was walking under the cage as it descended into the mine. Instead of going around the cage as it descended, he went under it. The cage was full of coal and it was very heavy. Lakin was killed instantly. His body was taken out and removed to the home of his mother, Mrs. Lakin, at Mount Pleasant. It will be taken to the home of his mother along the far road today.

Lakin, who started work at Morewood on Monday, was married last June. His widow, mother, and the following brothers and sisters survive: Wesley, Charles, a West Penn miner, Robert and Eugene, all at home, and Mrs. Albert Sidehamer of Pittsburgh.

Steve Stoponik, 13 years of age, was arrested yesterday charged with stealing two cameras from Rumbach's drug store. He was arraigned before Justice L. S. Rhodes and paroled after he returned the stolen articles. The boy admitted going into the store while the proprietor stepped out to speak to an acquaintance across the street. His father, Joe Stoponik, was made responsible for the boy's conduct while he is out on parole.

Constable J. G. Thompson picked up a lively grueshipper on the street here yesterday. Those to whom he showed it say they never remember seeing a livelier "hopper" at this time of the year.

### DUNBAR

DUNBAR, Jan. 4.—Mrs. John Newbrough of Scottsdale spent a few hours here yesterday with friends and relatives.

Special revival meetings in the Methodist Protestant Church, beginning Sunday, January 17 and continue three weeks. Rev. H. E. Cairns of the



**I know Resinol will heal this rash**

I never worry if I have a little rash or other eruption break out—I just put on a bit of Resinol Ointment. That takes out the itching and burning instantly, and soon clears the trouble away. I learned of Resinol Ointment through our doctor prescribing it for my brother. Tom had been almost frantic with the zema for months but that ointment healed his skin like magic.

Resinol Ointment is sold by all druggists.

## Like a Boy at 50 Bubbling Over With Vitality—Taking Iron Did It

Doctor says Nuxated Iron is Greatest of All Strength Builders—Often Increases the Strength and Endurance of Delicate, Nervous Folks 200 Per Cent. in Two Weeks' Time.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Not long ago a man came to me who was nearly half a century old and asked me to give him a preliminary examination for life insurance. I was astonished to find him with the blood pressure of a boy of 20 and as full of vigor, vim and vitality as a young man. In fact a young man he really was notwithstanding his age. The secret he said was taking iron—Nuxated Iron had filled him with renewed life. At 50 he was in bad health, at 55 he was better, and at 60 he was a man of 20. I have said a hundred times over, iron is the greatest of all strength builders. If people would only throw away patent medicines and take simple Nuxated Iron, I am convinced that the lives of thousands of persons might be saved, who now die every year from pneumonia, grippe, consumption, kidney, liver and heart trouble, etc. The real and true cause which attacked their disease was nothing more nor less than a weakened condition brought on by lack of iron in the blood. Iron is absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, you cannot grow, you cannot eat, you cannot do your work, you cannot live. It is a most potent remedy, in nearly all forms of indigestion, and in all nervous, run-down conditions. The manufacturers have such great confidence in Nuxated Iron that they offer to forfeit \$1000 to any charitable institution if they cannot take any man or woman under 50 who lacks iron and increase their strength 200 per cent. or over in four weeks' time provided they have no serious organic trouble. They also offer to refund your money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in 10 days' time. It is dispensed in the city by A. C. Clarke and all other druggists.—Adv.

Union Avenue Methodist Protestant Church, Pittsburgh, will preach each evening.

Mrs. E. B. Gule was shopping in Connellsville yesterday.

Mrs. Chalmers Sauton was shopping in Connellsville yesterday.

The Ladies' Sewing Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Nemon on Connellsville street.

Mrs. Andrew Wishart was a Connellsville shopper Wednesday.

J. M. Durbin was a business caller in Uniontown yesterday.

C. D. Holt of Pittsburgh was transacting business here yesterday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church will hold its regular meeting Thursday afternoon in the church.

Lester Bowman returned to Philadelphia where he is a student in the University of Pennsylvania.

E. D. Newman of New York was a business caller here Wednesday.

Miss Nell Gilmore is suffering from an attack of blood boils.

Mrs. J. H. Beatty of Vanderbilt is spending a few days here with her mother, Mrs. Triss Hardy.

Mrs. John and William Wishart of Connellsville were visiting here yesterday.

### OHIOPPLE

OHIOPPLE, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Anna Abbey of Green Brier was shopping and calling on Ohiopple friends yesterday.

H. B. Pigman of Connellsville was a business visitor here yesterday.

Richard McClain of Connellsville was a recent visitor here.

Harry Marlette of Connellsville was transacting business here yesterday.

Cyrus Shaw spent Wednesday in Connellsville and Uniontown on business.

Mr. Torrence of Scottsdale was a caller here yesterday.

H. Marlette and Jackwell Marietta of Connellsville were among the business callers here yesterday.

James Linderman of Salt Spring spent Wednesday here on business.

Prayer meeting was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church here last evening. Quite a number were present.

Miss Lucy Linderman has returned to Connellsville after a pleasant visit spent here.

### MYSTERY STILL UNRAVELED

Detective Captain Says Degenerate Killed Madie Colbert.

By Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—Detectives assigned to unravel the tangle of clues that have been advanced in the effort to find out who murdered Madie A. Colbert in her apartment here last week were busy examining many men who were acquainted with the young woman.

Despite the statements of the captain of the city detective that in his belief the former anarchist was beaten and strangled by a degenerate, there are persistent unconfirmed reports that a wealthy young man from upstate has not yet been entirely cleared of suspicion of knowing something about the murder. Captain of Detectives Tate, however, states that the young man is not wanted by the police and that he has cleared himself to the satisfaction of the detectives.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Representative Wood's resolution for a special investigation of charges of a "leak" on President Wilson's peace note was being privileged by the House today and it was referred to the rules committee with instructions to report in 10 days.

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### SEEK INDEPENDENCE

Lithuanians in America Anxious About Welfare of Country.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A demand endorsed by 600,000 members of the Lithuanian National Council of America that the European peace terms should provide that "ethnographical Lithuanians be united in one political body and that united Lithuania be given absolute political independence" was presented today to President Wilson by the apostolic delegate, Dr. Julius J. Bleckis, president of the council.

A similar statement was handed recently to all the European ambassadors.

A forecast of Germany's peace terms has included the creation of an independent kingdom of Lithuania.

### MUTINEERS DIE

Confined in Hold of Collier, They Are Asphyxiated.

By Associated Press.

MANILA, Jan. 4.—Three Filipino seamen from the naval collier Ajax which is moored at Cavite, were asphyxiated following confinement in irons for several hours in a room above the boilers of the ship. They were being punished for mutinous conduct.

Lieutenant Commander Paul Foley has assumed jurisdiction over the affair but an investigation is being conducted by the civil authorities.

### CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE, Jan. 4.—Rev. H. C. Summers, the new Lutheran pastor's household goods have arrived and have been moved into the A. Shipley residence at the end of the Young bridge which he and family will occupy.

C. B. Crumley of Unionville was a business visitor here yesterday.

The revival meetings in the Methodist Episcopal Church are well attended and full of interest. Rev. Bracken, the pastor, is preaching some splendid sermons.

Mrs. Anabel Burroughs and her brother, Mrs. William, of Iowa, who is visiting here, spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. John Reams.

If C. Humbert and Little son of Connellsville visited his father here a few hours yesterday.

Misses Robt. Dore and Felicia Piantan have returned to school at Indiana State Normal yesterday after spending the Christmas vacation with their parents here.

George Elliott is in Ohiopple on business.

Mrs. Jedd Shaw and Mrs. J. C. Shaw and Mrs. Charles Shaw spent the day with Mrs. A. L. Bird yesterday.

John Cronin, John Stark and Raymond Morrison returned to school at Indiana State Normal yesterday after spending the Christmas vacation at their homes here.

Rev. J. T. Davis of Ursina was greeting his many friends here yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Mountain will take their usual winter trip south next week.

Mrs. E. B. Brown was a recent shopper in Connellsville.



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| 12 1/2c Huck Towels each 9c                                                                                               | 36x42 inch Pillow Cases, special, pair 32c                                                                           | 12 1/2c Gray Percales, yd. 9 1/2c                                                                                    |
| Children's Outing Gowns 21c                                                                                               | \$5.00 and \$5.50 Georgetown Crepe Waists, at \$3.75                                                                 | 36 inch Velvet Hat Shapes, at \$2.00, \$1.49, 95c                                                                    |
| 35c Infants' Short Dresses, at 25c                                                                                        | \$1.00 Merchandise Prize Winners. Anna Reynolds, 208 S. Prospect St., City. Bring Duplicate Slip Before 5:30 Friday. | 36 inch Curtain Etamine at a yard 7 1/2c                                                                             |
| Children's White Coats, at \$1.25                                                                                         | \$1.00 White Waists, very special, 49c                                                                               | 36 inch White Madras, special, a yard, 15c                                                                           |
| 12 1/2c Cotton Crash Toweling, yard, 9c                                                                                   | \$1.00 to \$1.50 Waists, at 69c                                                                                      | Carpet Remnant, 27x54 in., at \$1.19 and 95c                                                                         |
| 15c Linen Welt Toweling, yard, 11c                                                                                        | \$2.50 Wash Silk Waists, \$1.49                                                                                      | Children's Princess Slips, at 59c                                                                                    |
| \$1.00 Merchandise Prize Winners. Mrs. E. N. Francis, 301 N. Prospect St., City. Bring Duplicate Slip Before 5:30 Friday. | 75c Bed Sheets, 51x90 inch, at 59c                                                                                   | \$1.00 Merchandise Prize Winners. Mrs. J. Beuscher, 314 Ogden Street, City. Bring Duplicate Slip Before 5:30 Friday. |
| 12 1/2c Dress Gingham, yard, 10 1/2c                                                                                      | 69c Bed Sheets, 72x90 inch, at 49c                                                                                   | All Children's Winter Coats, at one-third off.                                                                       |
| 10c Outing Flannel, light colors, 8 1/2c                                                                                  | \$2.00 Children's Sweater Sets at \$1.25                                                                             | Sateen Petticoats, special, at 39c                                                                                   |
| Zephyr Dress Gingham a yard, 8 1/2c                                                                                       | 36 inch Madras Shirtings at yard 9 1/2c                                                                              | \$1.00 Flannelette Gowns, special at 79c                                                                             |
| 36x42 inch Pillow Cases, pair, 35c                                                                                        | 36 inch Ticking, good quality, a yard, 10c                                                                           | \$1.25 Flannelette Gowns, at 85c                                                                                     |

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50-Pound Sack White Satin Flour	\$2.60
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Loose Rolled Oats, 6 pounds	.25c
Fancy Head Rice, 7c pound; 4 pounds	.25c
Loose Lump Starch, 6 pounds	.35c
Large Bottles Catsup, 30c size, 2 bottles	.50c
Fancy Blue Coffee, a pound	.18c
Fancy Santos Coffee, per pound	.19c
Best Standard Tomatoes, large cans	.50c
Best Standard Tomatoes, small cans	.40c
Pure Fruit Jams, large jar	.35c
Large Jar Apple Butter	.35c
Sweet Pickles, 3 dozen	.75c
Pure Cocoa, (loose), a pound	.15c
Black Cherries, large cans	.20c
White Cherries, large cans	.20c
Fancy Peas, large cans, 2 for	.25c
Sliced Peaches, 2 cans	.25c
Uncle Jerry Pan Cake Flour, package	.10c
Fancy June Peas, a can	.10c
Nice New Prunes, per pound	.10c
Fancy Evaporated Peaches, 2 pounds	.25c

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## SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The regular meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church was held yesterday afternoon in the church with many numbers in attendance. The Home Society held this first meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Nott, "Mountaineer of the South" was carried out. Papers were read by Mrs. W. R. Ketter, Mrs. W. O. Schoonover and Mrs. Anna M. Nott. A short meeting of the foreign society followed. Refreshments were served.

Over 300 guests attended a handsomely appointed reception given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Jacob Louis Kendall at her home. Miss Mary With Kendall and Miss Kathryn Guller Kendall at their home in Magnolia Terrace, Pittsburg. Mrs. Kendall's aid were Mrs. Samuel A. Kendall of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Thomas M. Jenkins, Mrs. James B. Voss, Mrs. James L. Sheldahl, Mrs. Alfred Hood Hamilton, Mrs. William E. Schuler, Mrs. Leonard Kent Gullett, Mrs. Luan A. Clarke, Miss Louise Graff, Mrs. Elizabeth Carrahan, Miss Louise Volte, Miss Margaret McKean, Miss Josephine Hamilton and Miss Katharine Black. Mrs. Karl K. Krause of the city was out of town guest last night and Mrs. Kendall entertained about 60 young people at an informal dance.

To regular meeting of the Woman's Club of the Trinity Episcopal church, which was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. G. Kincaid in West Car avenue. In addition to the transaction of business of a routine nature a new constitution and by-laws were adopted. The vicar, Rev. M. S. Hays, was present. At the close of the business meeting refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, January 10, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. and Mr. George in East Washington avenue.

Albert Rose and Miss Beaulie Wilson, both of Fayette county were granted a license to wed in Cambria county.

The I. H. N. Class of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. R. Clasper in East Green street. All members are requested to attend.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission societies and the Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist Episcopal Church is being held today in the church.

Mrs. Irvin Shumaker entertained the Busy Twelve Club Tuesday night at her home in Eighth street, Green-

wood. Fancywork was the amusement followed by refreshments. Mrs. B. P. Waughman will entertain the club Tuesday evening, January 16 at her home in Ninth street, Greenwood. Miss Lydia Arison of Flatwoods, is visiting Mrs. F. L. Mack of Sycamore street.

Following an invitation from David W. Griffith to a private performance of "Intolerance," Tuesday afternoon at the Pitt Theatre, Pittsburg, Mrs. T. R. Francis, president of Woman's Culture Club appointed a committee composed of the following ladies to witness the performance and represent the local club: Mrs. W. O. Schoonover, Mrs. W. N. Leche, Mrs. G. A. Munson, Mrs. J. M. Young, and Mrs. D. K. Dilworth. Miss Pearl Keck, who was also one of the committee, will be unable to attend. The performance is a complimentary one to club women of this section.

### PERSONAL

A boy knew nothing of sex or of the real world. How was he to overcome the lure of sex? Don't miss "The Sex Lure," at the Soloson today and tomorrow. Prices, children 10c, adults, 15c.—Adv.

Mrs. H. W. Lenzel and guest, Mrs. Jennie Hill of Homestead, are visiting friends in Fairchance today.

Dr. D. Z. Dunoff of Baltimore, chief surgeon of the Western Maryland railroad company, was in town for a short time this morning.

Less than half price sale of hats, McFarland's, Apple street.—Adv. 3-11

Mrs. George VanDyke and daughter, Miss Mary, are home from a several weeks' visit at Bellefonte.

Mrs. Sarah Moore of Cadiz, O., returned home this morning after a visit with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright of South Pittsburg street.

"Not the largest store in town, but growing the fastest." Why? Service, style, satisfaction. Brownell Shoe Company.—Adv.

R. D. Linton and G. L. Shay of Kingwood, W. Va., were here today consulting Dr. W. J. Bailey.

S. K. Reed of Mount Pleasant, was in town this morning.

Mrs. John Duggan, Sr., Mrs. Edward Duggan, Mrs. H. M. Kephart and daughter, Miss Sara, went to Pittsburg this morning.

Doway's Shoe Store sells the best \$2.50 and \$3.00 shoes in Connelville for both men and women. Try a pair next time.—Adv.—3-11

Ladies! Do you need to be embarrassed when you want your shoes shined? We have an exclusive ladies' shine parlor for your convenience. Brownell Shoe Company.—Adv.

R. L. Melroe went to Markleton this morning to see Mrs. Melroe who is a patient at the Markleton sanitarium. Further business left Tuesday for Alliance, O., to resume his studies at

Mount Union College after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Baum of Dawson.

Mrs. G. S. Connel was visiting in Pittsburg today.

Mrs. T. M. Mitchell of Ohioville was shopping in town today.

Mrs. David Tedrow and Miss Susan Redger of Scottsboro were calling on friends here yesterday.

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Miss D. J. Hoover of East Crawford avenue, has returned home from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Teeter in Hamilton, Can. She was absent several weeks.

Mrs. S. H. Munson is at her home in East Gibson avenue.

Dr. S. A. Baltz of Unretown was in town today on business.

Kenneth Reid, a Yale student, has returned to his studies after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents Colonel and Mrs. J. M. Reid.

### RENOVATIONS FINISHED

Methodist Episcopal Auditorium is Brightened Up a Lot.

Renovation of the main auditorium of the Methodist Episcopal Church here has been practically completed now and members of the church are pleased with the improvements made. The auditorium was used Sunday evening when watch night services were held there, but was hurriedly put into shape for that occasion, the work not having been completed.

The ceiling of the church was repaired and repainted, the walls frescoed, the roof repaired, and a new lighting system installed. The congregation had determined to spend as little money as possible on the renovation, as it is expected that the building program decided upon recently will be begun during the coming spring or summer.

The improvements made to the present building, therefore, do not indicate that the construction program is to be relinquished, as some were inclined to think. No new work is to be done, however, at the present time. The lighting system has not yet been installed in its entirety. Some of the fixtures have gone astray in the freight and the work has thus been delayed.

### AFTER RAILROAD AGAIN

Uniontown Files Second Complaint Against P. R. R. With Commission.

The city of Uniontown yesterday filed a second complaint against the Pennsylvania railroad company with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission. This complaint asks that the South Uniontown station be abandoned.

The first complaint, asking for safety gates and gongs at crossings was amended, a watchman being asked for one of the crossings instead of safety gates. A hearing on the whole matter is now asked by the city.

The abandonment of the South Uniontown depot is asked because the shifting of freight trains and the discharge of passengers there blocks the traffic of two streets and greatly congests public travel.

It will pay you to read our advertising columns.

### GREEN AND GOLD SET OFF THIS SMART WINTER GARB



JUST FOR WEAR. The cap and scarf set are of sage green velveteen de l'aine, encircled with heavier and terminating in a saucy tassel. A subtle effect of the scarf is a gold rosebud.

### MEYER LOCKED UP

Max Beaten By Thugs is Now Subject to Strange Fits.

Frank Meyer of Uniontown, N. Y., who was badly beaten by thugs along the state road near Rockwood and who was only recently released from the Colgate State Hospital here, was locked up by the police at Rockwood on Tuesday night. He was found on the streets suffering from a fit.

Since being released from the hospital he has suffered from this affliction.

Jose With Biderwolf. Jose Eliot, the Fulphio boy who was Bob Jones' "cinematographer" when the evangelist was here last February, is now with Evangelist Biderwolf who is now conducting tabernacle meetings in Pittsburg.

Re-enters Hospital. Miss Lucy Glennon of Dawson, was re-admitted to the South Side Private Hospital this morning for treatment of injuries suffered some time ago in a West Penn street car wreck.

New Coal Company. The Diamond Black Coal Company of Julian, W. Va., has been incorporated to operate in Brooke county; capital, \$25,000.

Licensed to Wed. Frank Richter and Edna Nicholson of Normalville R. D. Ernest Williams and Ida May Richey of Pennsylvania, were granted licenses in Uniontown yesterday.

Case of Scarlet Fever. A case of scarlet fever was reported to the health department today.

### ACKNOWLEDGES GREETING

Daughter of Kurtz Post Pleased at Remembrances.

On New Year's J. R. Bailey John Z. Pritchard, A. S. Haddock and other members of William F. Ku-Le Post No. 101 Grand Army of the Republic, sent the season's greetings to Mrs. Amelia Poe-Donovan, a daughter of the post and also daughter of Captain T. M. Fee, a former commander. Mrs. Donovan recently lost her husband. In acknowledgement of this courtesy and expression of sympathy in the bereavement, Mrs. Donovan has written as follows:

"My dear comrades and friends—Your New Year's cards just came today, Tuesday January 2. I cannot tell you how very much I appreciate them. I think I have never been so touched by any act of kindness as by this one from my old friends. I am so grateful that you remembered me in this dark, sad hour of my life. It means more to me than I can ever tell you."

I think of you and all the members of Post 101 very often and love to recall the happy times in the past meetings when my father was there. Oh, how he loved Post 101! God bless you all, and when the roll is called in the Great Beyond, may there not be one missing and may I be with you too."

### KIRK GETS PLEN

Nominated by President Wilson as South Brownsville's Postmaster.

George E. Kirk, well known throughout Fayette county, has been nominated by President Wilson as postmaster of South Brownsville to succeed W. S. Aitche whose term expired last summer.

The question of whether the Brownsville and South Brownsville offices are to be combined when the new postoffice building to be erected in completed has again been raised in these towns.

### FOOD PRICES JUMP

Four Per Cent Rise Between October 15 and November 15.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Food prices, advancing throughout the year, took a 4 per cent jump from October 15 to November 15, as shown in tables prepared yesterday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Beef alone of all the staple food grew cheaper. Potatoes made the greatest price gain, rising 21 per cent in 30 days.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

Miss Goldie Deal, about 20 years old, of near Indian Head, was admitted to the Memorial Hospital at Mount Pleasant last night where she underwent a successful operation. Miss Deal is a daughter of Lloyd Deal and makes her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Deal.

### Held a Rehearsal

Members of the cast of the play "Little Miss Dimples," to be given shortly by the high school alumni here, went to work in earnest last night, when the first real rehearsal was held in the auditorium of the Carnegie Library. Another rehearsal will be held tonight.

Read The Daily Courier

### The Grim Reaper

MRS. SUSAN RIMEL. Mrs. Susan Rimel, 82 years old, died this morning at the home of her son, James Rimel on Jackson hill, near the W. J. Rainey works. Funeral Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Rimel home, with interment in Cochran cemetery at Dawson. Mr. Rimel had made her home with her son James, her husband having died a number of years ago in addition to James, she is survived by two other sons, John and William Rimel. Deceased was the grandmother of little Theodore Rimel, who was killed by a train near his home about four years ago. She was born February 9, 1833.

ALBERT GRAY. The funeral of Albert Gray took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence in East Fayette street, with Rev. G. L. C. Richardson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating. The services were attended by a number of relatives and friends of the deceased. Employees of the Fayette County Gas Company served as pallbearers. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

MRS. MARY J. BAKER. Mrs. Mary J. Baker, widow of the late Rev. John W. Baker, a former pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, died Tuesday morning at her home in Barnesville, O. Mrs. Baker was 83 years old and was known among the older residents of Connelville.

LEWIS P. HESS. Following an illness of several weeks, Lewis P. Hess, 71 years old, a resident of Fayette county, virtually all his life, died Tuesday at his home at Waterburg. Mr. Hess was born in Fayette county and is survived by two sons.

MRS. ANNIE VOGEL. Mrs. Annie Gardner Vogel died this morning at her home at Maxam, Pa., following a lingering illness. She was the mother of Paul Vogel of Connelville.

MRS. HARRIET BINKER. Mrs. Margaret Whaley received word of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Harriet Binker of Sandusky, O. Mrs. Binker was 82 years old and was the daughter of Washington Whaley, who was an early settler of the Connelville. She is the last of a family of 11 children.

### UNDERGOES OPERATION

C. M. Vanorsdale Under Knife at Cottage State Hospital. C. M. Vanorsdale, a Baltimore & Ohio railroad conductor, underwent an operation for appendicitis this morning at the Cottage State Hospital. Mr. Vanorsdale is 40 years old and resides in this city.

Mrs. Angelina Pullia, 17 years old, and Emma Gigliotti nine years old, underwent throat operations this morning.

To Entertain Club. Miss Liburn Reed will entertain the H. B. Girls Club of Vanderbilt this evening at her home at Vanderbilt.

### GIRLS! HAVE WAVY, THICK, GLOSSY HAIR FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Save Your Hair! Double Its Beauty in a Few Moments—Try This!

If you care for heavy hair, that glazes with beauty and is radiant with life, has an incomparable softness and is fluffy and lustrous, try Danderine.

Just one application doubles the beauty of your hair, besides it immediately dissolves every particle of dandruff; you cannot have nice, heavy healthy hair if you have dandruff. This destructive scurf robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life, and if not overcome it produces a feverishness and itching of the scalp, the hair roots furnish, loosen and die; then the hair falls out 'fast'.

If your hair has been neglected and is thin, faded, dry, scraggy or too limp, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ketter in Lower Tyrone township in the presence of about 25 guests, Rev. H. A. Baum, pastor of the Cochran Memorial Methodist Church at Dawson, officiated.

Following the ceremony a prettily appointed wedding dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Ketter will reside at the Florence works, where the former is employed by the Youghiogheey Coal Company.

### CRAGO-KEFFER

Lower Tyrone Couple Wedded at Home of Bridegroom.

Miss Maria Belle Crago and Clarence E. Keffer, a well known couple of Lower Tyrone township, were married yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ketter in Lower Tyrone township in the presence of about 25 guests. Rev. H. A. Baum, pastor of the Cochran Memorial Methodist Church at Dawson, officiated.

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### LICENSED TO WED.

Miss Ethel Colbert to Marry Mill Run Man.

Harry Shipley of Mill Run, and Miss Ethel Colbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Colbert of Liberty, were granted a license to wed in Cumberland yesterday. Mr. Shipley is employed in the Scotts Mills. The bride is well and favorably known in and about Dawson.

Others granted marriage licenses in the same city were Allen Nixon of Uniontown and Rosa Pearl Hull of Smithfield; Edward Z. Poole of Mount Pleasant and Margaret E. Wana-maker of East Mount Pleasant.

Slavish Dance. At Slavish Hall Saturday, January 6th. All are invited to attend.—Adv.—4-25.

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## SCREEN COKE TO OBTAIN DUST FOR FUEL PURPOSES

Franklin Works Is First to Install Machinery for This Purpose.

### LECTURER DELAYED BY WRECK

Mrs. Kinmore's Meeting to Begin on Saturday Evening; High School Teacher Confined to Home With Measles; Son of A. B. McCarter Dies.

Special to The Courier.  
SCOTTSBURGH, Jan. 4.—The Franklin coke works at Owensdale has installed a screening machine to sift the dust from coke, experiments having proven that coke dust can be utilized as fuel by plants suffering from a shortage of gas. Coke dust fanned by bellows makes an intense heat, and experiments have shown that it can be successfully used for many purposes other than in gas furnaces.

The Franklin works is the first in this section to install a screening system in an effort to retain this fuel.

Delayed by Wreck.  
Mrs. W. T. Kinmore, who was to have started a series of meetings in the Baptist Church on Tuesday night was delayed by a wreck and the first meeting is now scheduled for Saturday night, instead of Tuesday.

Teacher Has Measles.  
Miss Laura Jean Jarrett, a high school teacher, is ill at her home in the Jarrett apartments with measles. In her absence, Mrs. Charles Loucks, a former high school instructor, is teaching her classes.

Price Essay Contest.  
The W. C. T. U. has decided to open its annual essay contest this year to high school and grammar grade students.

Death of Child.  
John Arthur McCarter, three and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McCarter, died at the family home on Second avenue, Tuesday night. The body will be taken to Farmington for interment.

For Sale.  
King 8 sixty horsepower automobile. Has not run over 3,000 miles, in A No. 1 condition. For \$1,000.00. E. F. McWitt, Brennan Bldg., Scottsdale, Pa. Bell Phone 96-R.—Adv. 3-4.

### VANDERBILT

Jan. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Albert Gray, Mrs. J. W. Madison, Miss Elsie Edwards, Mrs. Sara Campbell and Miss Hazel Schuyler were Connellsville shoppers yesterday.

Mrs. Miranda Hanes, Charles Jordan and Watson Dunn of Franklin township, were callers here yesterday.

Mrs. Elsie Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Shade Fuller were visitors in Pittsburg yesterday.

Mrs. G. G. Blankenship of Upper Middletown visited Mrs. John Pratt yesterday.

Mrs. G. M. Strickler is visiting relatives in Mount Pleasant.

Miss Mary Strickler is ill at her home in East Liberty with pneumonia.

Mrs. Kate Pratt of East Liberty, is ill with an attack of tonsillitis.

Hunting Bargains?  
If so, it will pay you to read our advertising columns.

## A WEIGHTY ARGUMENT-FOR THIN PEOPLE

You can put on weight just as easily as you can take it off your hat. You can say "good-bye" to scrawling and "how do you do" to a plump, well-rounded body. It's all a question of eating the proper food.

Increased weight and heightened vitality are waiting around the corner for you under the name of HEMO.

HEMO is concentrated nourishment. It is more than malted milk. It contains, in addition to all the food values of malted milk, the full nutritive force of prime beef, together with the natural iron to aid in making red blood.

Take HEMO regularly and you will soon realize the great benefits of this food drink. Good for children as well as for grown-ups. Makes a delicious food drink by simply adding water. We suggest that you try a 50c package with our guarantee of satisfaction.

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## Army Aviators in Fast Test Flight; One of Them Gets Frost Bitten Nose



The five army aviators who competed in the government qualification test and who reached the government field at Hempstead, N. Y., after completing the return flight from Philadelphia, were Lieutenant W. H. Brickley, who drops a 38 horsepower "L. W. F." biplane, said, although carrying C. H. Reynolds, a student instructor as passenger, made the trip of 115 miles in 72 minutes; Leonard Barney, who made the flight in 78 minutes; Captain J. E. Barbary, 99 minutes; Lieutenant J. E. Miller, one hour and 27 minutes, and Corporal H. Salzman, whose time was about that of Lieutenant Miller.

It was said among the members of the aviation school that Brickley's feat, considering the fact that he carried a passenger, was probably a record for the distance. Sergeant E. Balruss, who flew to Philadelphia with

Lieutenant E. W. Bagnall, attempted the same flight alone and landed at Red Bank, N. J. Sergeant D. R. Noyes was forced to land at Monmouth Junction. P. C. Millman, one of those who reached Philadelphia, did not stand with the others. Lieutenant Norbert Carroll, who landed at Monmouth Junction, N. J., on the flight toward Philadelphia, returned by train to Hempstead.

Captain Carberry said that longer

flights would be attempted as soon as the weather moderated.

In the pictures are seen some of the men who made the flight, with one of the machines. No. 1 shows Lieutenant Brickley's arrival; No. 2, Lieutenant Miller, who froze his nose in flight; No. 3, left to right, Captain Bolling, First Aero Company, New York national guard; Captain Carberry and Lieutenant Miller; No. 4, Corporal Salzman.

## B. & O. WILL PAY UNDER OLD RATE

If Adamson Law is Upheld, Additional Compensation Is to be Given.

Pending a decision by the United States Supreme Court as to the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has issued a circular stating that the company will pay its employees under the old schedules and that accurate records will be kept of the earnings of each employee affected, so that in the event that the law be upheld any additional compensation will be paid promptly.

This is in accordance with an agreement reached between attorneys for the government and for the railroads. The notice issued by the Baltimore & Ohio queries this agreement in full, that section pertaining to additional compensation being as follows:

"In each pending case except this a consent order shall be entered continuing further action therein until the decision of this court, and providing that plaintiff from and after January 1, 1917, shall keep its books and accounts in such manner that if the constitutionality of the act is upheld, it shall ascertain the amount due to the employees affected under the construction placed upon the act by this court and shall promptly pay them said amounts, which right can at any time be enforced for their benefit on their own motion or on the motion of the defendant United States Attorney."

German Prince Killed.  
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4.—Berlin newspapers announce the death of Prince Friedrich du Putsenberg who was killed on the battle front in Rumania.

Read The Daily Courier.

### PERRYOPOLIS.

Jan. 4.—Miss Pauline Hodgkins has accepted the position as clerk in Martin's jewelry store.

Miss Fern Carson left Tuesday for California, Pa. State Normal, where she expects to enroll for the coming term.

Mr. and Mrs. James Turner of Uniontown, are visiting Mrs. Sadie Williams.

James Robinson, assistant county superintendent of schools, visited the schools here Tuesday.

W. H. Robinson has returned from a two months' visit with his daughter at Fredericktown.

Frank Houpt and daughter, Ethel, of Dickerson Run, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. William Skiles and son returned to their home at McKees Rocks Tuesday, after a visit of several weeks with friends here.

Miss Edna Carson and Miss Helen Hopkins returned to Slippery Rock Tuesday to resume their studies.

Watch night services were held on Sunday night in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The meeting commenced at the close of the service of the "Pink Rose," which was given by the choir, with Mr. Jennings as leader, and Miss Mabel Martin, reader. The church was crowded for the first service for the watch night service, which was enjoyed by all.

Professor R. A. Jennings left Tuesday, and will conduct the music for the services held at Vanderbilt this week.

Read our classified ads.

### RESUMES HER DUTIES.

Miss Lou Fairchild resumed her duties at the Dawson postoffice Wednesday morning after being absent several days on account of the death of her father, Postmaster William Fairchild.

## HEADACHE FROM A COLD? LISTEN!

"Pape's Cold Compound" Ends Severe Colds or Grippe in a Few Hours.

Your cold will break and all grippe misery end after taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken. It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharge or nose running, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffling! Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Accept no substitute.—Adv.

Eclipse of Moon.  
There will be a total eclipse of the moon on the morning of January 3, according to naval observatory officials. It will be visible in the United States. The moon will enter the shadow at 12:50 A. M. and will be in total eclipse from 3 to 3:20 A. M., leaving the shadow at 4:30.

Chosen a Director.  
SOMERSET, Jan. 4.—At the annual election of the Somerset Trust Company, Edward of the institution, vice elected to fill the vacancy in the board of directors caused by the resignation of James McElvey.

Read The Daily Courier.

## Rubber Mats

Extra heavy weight, corrugated rubber mats, size 14x28, a 80c value; values, 45c.

## KOBACKER'S "THE BIG STORE"

## Womens' and Children's Sweaters Specially Priced At \$2.95—

Regular \$3.50 sweaters for women, navy, in the newest style in red, navy, brown and many other shades.

At 95c—

Misses' sweaters in rose, Copenhagen, navy etc., sizes from 26 to 34; sold regularly at \$1.25 and more.

At 48c—

Children's sweaters in plain white as well as in colors, good selection of sizes; regular price 75c.

## Rag Carpet

Fine quality Rag Carpet, yard wide, well made of clean sanitary rags. Special per yard, 35c.

35c

## The 'Electric' Brand Adjustable House Dresses

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Dainty washable. Dresses of faultless fit; by buttoning two buttons at the back of the dress it conforms to every line of your figure. Not a single seam to rip or stretch to take in adjusting the dress to fit you. No elastic parts to wear out, no metal parts to rust in washing—comfortable and roomy arm-holes—extra with over hips—made in clean and sanitary factory.

## Do You Wear a "Nemo?"

This is "Nemo" week and by special concessions from the manufacturer, you can save \$5.00 on Corsets Nos. 512, 523 and 409. Avail yourself of this exceptional opportunity.

Up to \$9.50 Skirts, \$5.90

Beautiful assortment of Skirts in all sizes. Choice of black and blue series and other materials; all up to the minute styles.

## Art Rugs

Congoleum Art Rugs, size 36x36 inches, very neat patterns, 60c value, at 49c.



## Congoleum

To close out, neat patterns of Congoleum in 2 yds. wide. While it lasts, very special, per square yard, 39c.

39c

## LIKE ARCHDUKE CHARLES

Regent of Poland is Most Democratic of Sovereigns.

By Associated Press.

MARSAW, Jan. 4.—By those who know him, Archduke Charles Stephen, cousin of the late Emperor Francis Joseph, who has been selected as regent of Poland, is considered a most democratic sovereign, gifted with common sense, ability and personal charm. Conditions under which The Associated Press correspondent recently made his acquaintance illustrates the democratic side of his character. The correspondent was sitting upon a friend at one of the lesser hotels in Vienna when a knock at the door was heard and without further formally a tall officer entered, shook hands, shed his overcoat, which he threw on a bed, and embarked in informal conversation. It was Poland's future sovereign who had thus made his way to the hotel room without even calling the services of an attendant when he learned that a correspondent of an American news agency was there.

The Archduke conversed with the greatest cordiality, displaying an intimate knowledge and keen interest concerning conditions of American life, and volunteered his assistance to facilitate the newspaperman's work. He was particularly impressed with the importance of the press in America and lamented the fact that the newspapers did not play such a role in Austria-Hungary. He voiced as well as manifested his belief in democratic customs and declared that he had deliberately urged two of his youngest sons, who had graduated from the Austro-Hungarian Academy the day before, to take commissions in ordinary line regiments instead of in one of the favorite guard organizations. In the thick of the fighting in the Carpathians the Archduke has been living as simply as his subalterns, learning at first hand the environment of the officers and soldiers from the ranks of his people. His two sons have followed his suggestion, like their older brother, Charles Albert, and have entered line regiments, the 13th Chians.

claimed: "Secretary Lansing is the only Cabinet official who has had nerve enough to ask Congress for an automobile and by George! he shall have it."

Pittsburg Coal Adds to Acreage.  
Persons acting for the Pittsburg Coal Company have bought 600 acres of coal land in Moon township, Allegheny county, at \$300 per acre.

For River Loading.  
The Fredericktown Coal & Coke Company has commenced work on the construction of a new tippie to provide for shipments by river.

Hunting Bargains?  
If so, read our advertising columns.

HAVE COLOR IN YOUR CHEEKS

Be Better Looking—Take Olive Tablets

If your skin is yellow—complexion pallid—tongue coated—appetite poor—you have a bad taste in your mouth—a lazy, no-good feeling—you should take Olive Tablets.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—a substitute for calomel—were prepared by Dr. Edwards after 17 years of study with his patients.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a purely vegetable compound mixed with olive oil. You will know them by their olive color.

To have a clear, pink skin, bright eyes, no pimples, a feeling of buoyancy like childhood days you must get at the cause. Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets act on the liver and bowels like calomel—yet have no dangerous after-effects.

They start the bile and overcome constipation. That's why millions of boxes are sold annually at 10c and 25c per box. All druggists. Take one or two nightly and note the pleasing results.

While before the committee, Secretary Lansing was assured that the resolution to provide him with an official automobile would be left in the bill. It was disclosed that when the question came up in the House committee, Chairman Fitzgerald had ex-

## PINE TOP

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To those who have used Pine Top Cough Mixture, there is no use saying anything. We just ask a trial from anyone who has never used it. It contains the oil of the Pine needle, said to be the best lung healer in the world. Buy a bottle for 25 cents. Always keep it in the house. A couple doses, if taken in time, may prevent a long siege of cold and lagrippe. You will know it by the green wrapper and red seal. Ask for Pine Top. Take no other. Sold everywhere. Prepared by

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## COKE TRADE OF YEAR 1916 HAD THE BIGGEST TONNAGE IN HISTORY OF THE REGION

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The production of merchant and furnace coke in net tons by quarters during 1916 was as follows:

Quar.	Mer.	Fur.	Total
1st	2,226,101	3,559,730	5,785,831
2nd	2,258,151	3,559,730	5,817,881
3rd	2,123,561	3,559,730	5,683,291
4th	2,180,184	3,559,730	5,739,914
Total	9,818,007	13,238,920	23,056,927

The above shows that the Connellsville region produced 55% of the total, while the production of coke by the furnace ovens was 54% and by the merchant ovens 46%, a gain by the latter of 6% over 1915.

The shipments of coke from each region by quarters during 1916 were as follows:

Quar.	Conn.	L. Conn.	Total
1st	3,061,008	2,522,823	5,583,831
2nd	3,126,646	2,516,549	5,643,195
3rd	3,045,889	2,576,203	5,622,092
4th	3,290,552	2,522,823	5,813,375
Total	12,524,095	10,138,498	22,662,593

The difference of 107,000 tons between the shipment and production of coke represents how far the former overtook the latter during the closing months and weeks of the year because of the shortage in cars. Until late in November comparatively little stock of coke was carried on the roads and then only at intervals and mainly at the plants of the furnace interests. It is the custom to carry a greater or less quantity of stock on the yards of these plants as sort of an emergency supply to provide for some possible contingency at the furnaces. In 1915 there was such urgent demand for coke from all quarters and at all times that accumulations of stock were rather smaller than usual. But when the transportation service became inadequate to take care of the daily oven production, the only alternative at the ovens was to stock the coke or allow it to remain in the oven against a day of more plentiful car supply. Such days came only about once a week, and sometimes not so often, in November and December. As a result the stock pile grew week by week until at many plants storage rooms, like spot coke, now commands a premium.

**OVEN ACTIVITY.**

In oven operation the year 1916 was in some ways marked contrast to 1915. In that year it was a matter of a progressive and gradual growth in oven activity from 45% at the beginning of the year to 36% at the close. During 1916 the operation was characterized by many irregularities. They were not of wide range, however, never dropping below 35% or rising above 39%, with an average for the twelve months of about 36.5%, which shows how consistent and steadily maintained was the effort of the operators to secure the maximum output even under the handicap imposed by labor shortage and inefficiency, car shortage and other conditions which confronted the region with more or less persistence throughout the year.

The furnace interests began the year with 19.33% or 84.6% oven in blast. The number of active ovens was increased from week to week to the maximum of 20,634, or 91.4%, in May. From that month there was a slight but gradual decline to 19,430, or 84.6%, in August. From there until the end of the year there was an equally gradual recovery to 20,219, or 89%. The operation of the ovens of the merchant interests maintained very much the same course as the furnace ovens. On January 1st 12,530 ovens or 84.5% were in blast. The maximum activity was attained in May with 14,223, or 83.3%. A more or less gradual decline followed until November 1st when 13,318 ovens, or 85.5%, were in blast. From that date forward there were slight additions to the blast each week, reaching 13,871, or 86.8%, in the latter part of December.

**OPERATING CONDITIONS.**

Holidays, cold weather, deficient labor and car supply all combined to make the opening of the year anything but auspicious from an operating point of view, and it was with difficulty that enough coke was made to supply the demand. The early weeks of January saw violent fluctuations in production and shipments with weekly changes of 20,000 to 30,000 tons. The year had begun with production at the rate of 490,000 tons weekly. This was increased in the third week of the first month. The Youngstown strike threw 65 cars of coke back on the region in January but the market quickly absorbed it. In the second week of February normal conditions were restored and production advanced to 412,000 tons. The development of a car shortage caused a slowing down in operation and some stocking of coke but production kept well above the 400,000 tons mark and in the last week reached the highest point, 445,000 tons, of the year to date.

By the first of March the improvement in the car supply and greater industry among the workers of the region raised production to 457,000 tons. This was followed by a slump the next week which occasioned the loss of 25,000 tons. In the succeeding week this loss was fully recovered. April opened with 435,000 tons of coke in the region in blast, operating at 98% of productive capacity, or approximately 477,000 tons for the week. The suspension of furnaces and the prospect of increased labor costs following the announcement of an advance in wages by the United States steel corporation caused production to dwindle during the latter part of April, which was further affected by an increasing shortage of men and a falling off in merchant demand. The Easter holiday caused a loss of 35,000 tons in production but it kept the competing advantage of helping to restore the demand. The close of the first quarter showed a total production of 5,600,000 tons, or at the rate of 22,500,000 tons annually, the biggest in the history of the region.

The effect of the Easter holiday on production was felt well into May and

it was not until the beginning of the second half that conditions became normal. The merchant operators were hopeful meantime of improvement but it came in the form of an increased demand for coal instead of coke, production of the latter having dropped to 400,000 tons in the second week of June. During the latter weeks of the month large regulations were made on the region for coke to tide over the shortage which has always followed the fourth of July. The month closed producing at the rate of 424,000 tons per week, while first half of the year had recorded a total production of 11,313,000 tons, or at practically the same rate as during the first quarter.

During the last months of July and August the troubles incident to the growing indisposition of the men to make full time had the effect of further curtailing production, and for the first time during the year the weekly total dropped under the 400,000 tons mark. During these months the coke trade was subjected to the critical test of releasing a large coke making capacity through the substitution of coal for new by-product oven plants, the operators of which had formerly been consumers of Connellsville coke. It withstood this test without serious inroads upon the total volume of business, by simply directing more attention to increased coal production and less to coke making.

Preceding September 1st the fear of a railroad tieup over the 8-hour demand caused the furnaces to make larger regulations for coke. This boosted coke production for a few weeks at the expense of coal shipments and the total tonnage, including coal and coke, showed considerable increase. The partial observance of Labor Day cut production about 5%, but that was fully made up in coal. After the middle of September the demand for both coal and coke became much greater. Production of coke began to get back to its average weekly total, but a more acute labor shortage prevented it going much above 400,000 tons.

While the month of October produced more coke than September it was done under even more satisfactory labor conditions than prevailed during the earlier months. November opened with relatively the same conditions that prevailed during October so far as labor and car supply were concerned, but in the latter half the insufficiency of car supply produced even more disastrous effects on coke trade than the insufficiency of the workmen had done at any previous time during the year. Beginning with the week of November 15th the irregularities in the car supply and service became pronounced and from that period until the close of the year the coke trade has been dominated by the situation in so far as relate to production and shipment of coke. The degree to which car supply affected production is well illustrated by the production records of the two weeks immediately preceding Christmas. These registered a loss of almost 100,000 tons from the first week of the month, bringing the weekly total down to 328,000 tons, the lowest of the year.

There is the one exception, however, when the railroads serving the coke region can be relieved of much of the blame attaching to reduced production. The festivities of the Christmas holidays season were participated in by the coke workers with such fidelity to custom that the closing week of the year, like all that have preceded it in the history of the Connellsville region, made only a light run.

**CAR SUPPLY.**

It has been only at rare intervals during the recent years that the Connellsville coke region has suffered severely from an inadequate car supply. The railroads serving the region provided ample equipment some years ago to handle this traffic which, under all ordinary conditions of general freight movement, has been ample to move the product of the region. The past year has not been a normal year in the transportation business, taking the country at large, and the Connellsville region has felt the effects of this departure from the orderly course.

Car shortages have occurred several times during the past year and during previous years, but none have been of so long duration or such acuteness as that which marked the closing month of the year. The opening of the year inherited traffic troubles from the latter quarter of 1915 which had their origin in the transportation and congestion of freight at the Atlantic seaboard which had in turn resulted in similar congestions at the distributing centers in the interior. The railroads were short of motive power, which hampered car movement, and a succession of embargoes added further to the difficulties of the situation.

It was not until about the middle of January that the Connellsville region began to experience serious car shortages. The supply suddenly dropped to 60 or 70% of the daily requirements and to this was added very slow movement in the freight yards and furnaces. The consumers became very apprehensive that they ordered duplicate shipments of coke to be made as a prearranged measure against a possible banking of their furnaces for lack of coke. With a better clearing up of freight yards car movement was facilitated and by the first of February the supply came back to normal. The improvement was short-lived, however, the second week of the month registering only 60% distribution, with no promise of relief in sight. The promise would not have kept had it been made for during the last weeks of the month the supply dropped to 40% again on an average day was as low as 19%.

March was ushered in with an improvement but the situation yet remained serious enough to cause the operators no little worry. The Easter embargoes were more tighter cuttings of every avenue of entry into the

New England and other Atlantic coast states. The Connellsville operators had had a good trade in this territory but they could not serve it. The plight of the Connellsville operators proved a boon to the by-product producers of the east and the price of their product rose to \$14.00 and the demand was in excess of supply. The market lifting of embargoes about the middle of March allowed Connellsville coke to reach the east by very round about routes, but it got there.

The car supply continued to improve during the latter part of March and by April 1st it had been restored to 100%. During both April and May the supply kept up well and was at all times ample for the needs of the region. With a decided increase in the demand for coal from the Connellsville region, which set in about June 1st, a shortage began to be noticeable in coal cars. Coke cars were plentiful meantime. The shortage of coal cars did not prevent the region from being able to supply its customers with big orders, the interest of the producers was centered in coal shipments, hence the demand for coal cars suddenly became more acute. The coal roads could not supply as needed but sufficient were available to make coal shipments an important item in the business of the region. The spurt in the coal business continued into July, but all the while little or no difficulty was experienced in securing the full allotment of coke cars.

The first week of August marked a change when the supply dropped to 70%. Just at this time the Pennsylvania railroad suspended its 48-hour coke train service to the Valley furnaces which had the effect of slowing down the return movement of coke cars. This lasted but two days after which the supply rose to 100%, but the deliveries at the ovens plants were not made according to the former schedule as to time. August and September moved along without pronounced shortages, at least none that were sufficient to cause a serious curtailment in coke production.

In the early weeks of October there began to appear signs of less satisfactory conditions with respect to car supply. The general merchandise movement throughout the country was retarded, and the coke trade was not an exception. Freight terminals began to be crowded and the train movements hampered by insufficient motive power. That the Connellsville region could escape paying a penalty under these conditions was not to be expected, hence by October 20th the cars available for coke traffic had fallen off as much as 50% on some days with but slightly better appointments on other days.

As the season advanced, and general freight business grew in volume instead of lessening, the car service of the region suffered more acutely. It soon became the factor of most significant importance not only to the coke producer but also to the consumer. Coke production was reduced, but never below the capacity of cars at hand to move it. During November the coke trade had fallen off as much as 50% on some days with but slightly better appointments on other days.

The early weeks of December showed about the same average car supply as November but in the two weeks preceding Christmas the most pronounced shortage of the year developed. The advent of winter on December 15th was not applying the brakes to a moving train. Car supply dropped as low as 48% and ranged between 60% and 70%. In the succeeding week the average was even lower.

**THE BY-PRODUCT BUGABOO.**

Sometimes prior to the advent of the year a considerable speculation was indulged in as to the effect of the by-product coke on the trade of the Connellsville region of the completion of a number of large by-product oven installations then in the course of erection. Some merchant operators, in the then somewhat inactive market for by-product coke, became somewhat apprehensive of the result. When later the by-product operators began to come into the Connellsville region as buyers of its incomparable coal, a more cheerful feeling became manifest. Shortly after the first of the year a number of the merchant operators in the region began to move into the coke business, and they were limited by their production by labor conditions.

As the coal trade grew slowly in volume, and maintained a steady weekly average output, the operators were quick to realize that the heavy demand for coke, resulting or to result from the operation of the by-product ovens, when they saw the new opportunity in furnishing large part of the coal for the by-product ovens. The starting of new by-product plants would tend to the abandonment of the emergency and old beehive plants. Their closing would not, however, be a calamity to the Connellsville region since a large part of the coal needed for the by-product plants would come from the Connellsville region and its mining would employ at least 95% of the labor previously engaged in beehive coke making.

During the year there was greater development in the by-product industry than at any similar period in the history of the trade. In the early summer work was commenced on the first units of the Clairton Coke Company's plant at Donora. This is a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation and its plant is designed to form, when completed, the largest installation of the kind in the world. It will have an ultimate daily coal consumptive capacity of 25,000 tons, producing 475 cars or approximately 16,750 tons of coke per day. Coal for this plant will come largely from mines of the H. C. Frick Coke Company in the Lower Connellsville region. Contracts were awarded some months ago for 70 steel barges and two high power low boats for transporting this coal to Clairton.

That the Connellsville region was able to withstand the effects of increased by-product production was well illustrated early in June when the additional units of the Lower Connellsville region, a Bethlehem Steel Corporation subsidiary, were put in operation. With a capacity in excess of Bethlehem's needs, this coke operation actually entered the merchant coke market as a competitor of the Connellsville region. The disastrous consequences to the merchant coke interests of the region, but the Bethlehem Steel Corporation found by July 1st that it was short of coke and had to come into the Connellsville region as a buyer.

In August the Youngstown Steel & Tube Company having completed its by-product plant, with the market for 40,000 tons of coke from the Connellsville region, but the trade absorbed it as quickly as it had absorbed the 60,000 tons taken out of the trade in July when new by-product ovens in Toledo and Reading were first put in operation.

With the constantly increasing prices for all classes of material and the shortage of labor, especially in some skilled lines, a number of the by-product installations projected earlier in the year are being held in abeyance. Among these are the plants of the Carnegie Steel Company at Youngstown and the Union By-Product Coke Company, a subsidiary of the Union Furnace Company at Buffalo. On the whole the by-product bugaboo, as it earlier appeared to the merchant coke operators, has about done its worst. It is admitted that Connellsville coke has been somewhat hampered by the production of the year 1916, but the Connellsville region and its extension into Greene county has before it a long life of usefulness as the producer of the standard metallurgical fuel, while at the same time it will be positioned to furnish all the coal for the by-product plants to produce the highest grade of coke by that process.

**THE COAL TRADE.**

Ever since the making of by-product coke by consumers who were formerly supplied from the Connellsville region began its development, more or less coal has been shipped to these plants. So long as these shipments were sent out from mines operated by the consuming interests, the coal movement attracted comparatively little attention. When consumers who owned no Connellsville coal began to build by-product ovens they naturally came to the same source of supply for the raw material as had previously produced the manufactured article in the form of coke. This brought inquiries for coal to the merchant coke operators and seeing the possibilities in that direction they were prompt to seize upon them.

By the middle of January of the first of February quite a number of merchant operators were giving considerable attention to coal production. It was not until the Pittsburgh strike sent the large buyers like Jones & Laughlin and others into the Connellsville region for coal, that interest in the branch of the fueling industry began to grow more general throughout the region. By June 1st upwards of 30,000 tons per day had been added to the regular coal shipments from the region. Increasing demand as the strike continued stiffened the price of coal and the trade expanded largely. The outcome of the strike was rather surprising about June 20th, and in casting up their accounts the merchant operators found that they had sold about 250,000 tons of coal at an average of \$2.00 a ton or better, and they were quite well satisfied with the results.

Through the July and August were in the main restricted to the regular consignments from the mines owned by the consuming interests. In August the monthly coal tonnage took a jump of 80,000 tons when the Youngstown Steel & Tube Company came into the coal market with its new by-product coke plant. This was followed by larger demands from other quarters until at the end of August the weekly coal shipments had reached 275,000 tons. Since that date the weekly average has ranged from 200,000 to 250,000 tons per week; but one week in September, when the coal supply was better than usual, registered 235,000 tons.

While the bulk of the coal movement is by rail, no inconsiderable part of it is being shipped in barges down the Monongahela river. The H. C. Frick Coke Company has long been making shipments by this means from its mines. W. Harry Brown has been shipping from Alicia Mine No. 2 near Lock No. 7 since early in the summer. The Consolidated Coke Company, during the period of greatest coal demand, shipped the entire output of its Donora No. 3 mine by river and at other seasons has made partial shipments. That the coal trade has assumed large proportions has been shown by the weekly shipments reported by The Courier. The total tonnage, including both river and rail shipments have averaged around 1,000,000 tons per month, or appears from the following covering the twelve months of 1916:

By Rail	11,313,000
By River	603,100
Total	11,916,100

When in June the coal demand began to grow by leaps and bounds from week to week a number of the merchant operators bowed out part of their active ovens and increased their output of miners to the extent that was possible in order to make larger shipments. It is estimated that the region had subsided some ovens were restored to coke production but when coal supply began to become more indifferent in September and October, it was found desirable to further cut down coal shipments and divert it to the ovens for coke. During the weeks

of poor coke car supply the mines have been run steadily, all surplus coal being sent out in its unmanufactured state. Periods of this kind have occurred so frequently that coal shipments were kept up with greater or less regularity until the end of the year, but gauged each week more by car supply than by demand.

Not all of the coal shipped out of the region has been used in making by-product coke, some being used as steam fuel, still other for domestic heating, but by far the larger part has been turned into coke at the point of consumption. It thus appears that what the Connellsville may have lost, or yet may lose, of its coke trade, it has gained and stands to gain by increased coal trade. In the market conditions which prevailed during the last half of the year shipping coal has been quite as profitable as manufacturing coke. At \$2.00 per ton, which was realized for coal during the June flurry, and up to \$4.00 received later in the year, the region has done a highly satisfactory business in its side line of shipping raw coal.

By the commonly accepted rule of rating one ton of one-half tons of coal to one ton of coke, the region's output of coal, in addition to that manufactured into coke during the year 1916, was 3,000,000 tons. Including the coke produced during the same period the combined output of the region, in terms of coke, was 25,950,000 tons.

The river shipment of coal is designed to prove a very important factor in the Connellsville region's coal production is assured from the preparations in progress to provide river loading facilities.

During the year W. Harry Brown completed a coal storage and loading plant at Alicia Mine No. 1 which is the first installation of its kind in the coal mining fields of Western Pennsylvania. Here barges from Alicia Mine No. 2 will be unloaded to the storage floor for subsequent re-loading in large or in cars as may be desired. Meantime shipments of coal to lower river points are being made direct from No. 2 mine at Alicia No. 1, large marine ways have been constructed to build and repair coal handling barges of the largest dimensions.

The LaBelle Coke Company has erected a river barge for shipment of coal to the new by-product plant of its parent company, the LaBelle Steel Company, located at Fallsboro, W. Va., opposite Steubenville, O.

The H. C. Frick Coke Company has equipped its tipple at Bridgeport mine with river equipment and is said to complete the new river loading facilities including the erection of a tipple at the old Alicia mine on the Monongahela river below Newell there to load coal hauled underground from the Colonial mines at Grindstone.

**LABOR SUPPLY AND WAGES.**

The region sustained greater loss in production output during the year due to the insufficiency and inefficiency of its labor supply than perhaps any previous year in its history. It was only rarely indeed when there were sufficient men to enable the plants to run at even an approximated 100% of output. The universal demand for men and the time wages in the munitions and allied industries, made it difficult to add to the working force of the region. Extraordinary effort was made to secure accessions but without marked success. Results of these efforts became noticeable in April when labor was in rather better supply, but within a few weeks conditions were as bad as before.

The wage advance in May attracted some additional men to the region and perhaps prevented others from taking employment in other lines, but an increased efficiency was no where noticeable. During the hot weather of July and August all plants suffered more than ever from the indifference of the employees to making full time. In September and October the shortage became rather acute. When later the car supply began to develop irregularities, many workmen found it difficult to get down from inability to make full time and a certain percentage of them sought employment elsewhere.

The first of the three wage advances aggregating 24.1%, became effective February 1st. In accordance with its usual custom to make adjustments voluntary, the H. C. Frick Coke Company announced an advance of approximately 10% over the scale of April 1, 1916. On May 8th a second advance of slightly over 5% was made. The third advance of a little over 10% was announced December 10, and established the following rates:

Mining and loading room coal, per 100 bush,	\$1.82; hauling coal, \$2.02;
vat heating coal, \$2.20; drawing coke, per 100 bush, charged, \$1.05; leveling, per oven, 18¢; drivers, rope riders, 18¢; inside laborers and chargers, per day, \$2.25; dumpers and tipples, per full run, \$2.75; forking cars, 40,000 lbs., \$2.25; 60,000 to 60,000 lbs., \$2.35; 60,000 lbs. and over, \$2.50.	

Upon occasion of the announcement of each of the new Frick scales the independent furnaces and merchant operators, as has been their custom, quickly followed the leading interest, by granting their employees the same rates of wages.

**THE FIGHTS.**

The year was marked by the partial winning of a fight for more equitable freight rates on coal from the Connellsville region. Early in the year a group of merchant and independent furnace operators joined together in forming the Connellsville Coal Tariff Association to secure the removal of the 15-cent differential. The matter was first presented in an appeal to the presidents of the railroads serving the coke region, in which it was pointed out that the development of the by-product coke industry would make such inroads on the freight traffic of the Connellsville region that it would sooner or later prove unprofitable to the carriers. To remedy the condition the coke operators urged that the differential in Eastern rates in favor of neighboring regions, and against the Connellsville region, be removed and thus enable the coke operators to enter

the by-product markets with their raw coal. The hearings in this proceeding were recently concluded, but no decision is expected for some time.

Subsequently the Coal Tariff Association intervened in the Fifteen Cent Rate case brought before the Interstate Commerce Commission by the West Virginia coal operators. This involved the question of rates to the central freight association territory or Western rates generally. Late in November the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, admitting the justice of the claims of the Connellsville Coal Tariff Association, voluntarily extended the Westmoreland group rates, effective December 31st, to both the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions, thereby placing the region as a whole on an even footing with the Fairmont District in West Virginia and the Westmoreland district in Pennsylvania on coal shipments to Eastern destinations.

After the Pennsylvania railroad had filed its amended tariffs the operators of the Clearfield region made complaint to the Interstate Commerce Commission protesting against the rates and requesting their suspension. After due consideration the Interstate Commerce Commission rendered a decision, December 30th, declining to grant the petition and ordered the reduced tariffs to go into effect January 1st as filed. This confirmation of the Pennsylvania's voluntary removal of the discrimination against the Connellsville region, places its operators in the position of being able to compete in all eastern coal markets now reached by the Fairmont and other neighboring districts.

Meantime W. Harry Brown, owner of Alicia mines and coke works, had petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for the extension of the Pittsburgh district rate to his mine. Hearings were held and in October a decision granting the extension was handed down.

**NECROLOGICAL.**

The year 1916 was also one in which death claimed a heavy toll of men who have been conspicuous by their abilities and long connection with the coke industry.

John Fulton, mining engineer, geologist and coke expert, the Nestor of the Coke Industry, and one of its best known authorities, died on December 1st. J. P. Miller, who had served the H. C. Frick Coke Company for over 30 years as its chief engineer, and under whose charge the many improvements had been installed at old plants and a large number of new ones constructed, died April 9th.

Austin Kline, a veteran mining man who had risen from the ranks to mine foreman, mine superintendent, and finally became chief mine inspector of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, dropped dead on the streets of Connellsville, May 16th.

William Seddon, another of the self-made, self-educated mining experts, famed in the Connellsville region and out of it, and organizer of the first mining institute, died suddenly at his home in Brownsville, in September.

Isaac G. Roby, still another man who had appreciated the advantages and opportunities for self-improvement that came to him in his daily work as a miner and later as mine official, and who had served as state mine inspector for many years, died much in the same manner as William Seddon and only a few days afterward.

E. F. Overholt, of Scottsdale, who was connected with some of the earliest coal ventures in the old Connellsville basin, and later in life identified with coal mining interests in this state and West Virginia, died November 7th.

**NOTES.**

There were practically no changes in ownership of coking plants in the region during the year. The bondholders of the Isabella-Connellsville Coke Company took over this property as part of a plan to reorganize the company which was being carried through a new corporation called the Hecla Coal & Coke Company. Under its management many improvements, including a group of company houses, were made and the plant placed upon a well organized operating basis.

The Bessemer property on the Monongahela river originally developed by the Bessemer Coke Company was a new corporation, called the Connellsville Central Coke Company, with J. Fred Kurtz, of Connellsville, president.

The Jamison Coal & Coke Company extended its already large operations by taking steps to develop a large tract of coal in northern Westmoreland county, in the near vicinity of the Cambria Steel Company.

A spectacular event of the year was the action of the state legislature in Marchen county, Ohio, in securing grand jury indictments of Chairman Gary of the United States Steel Corporation, and other officials for alleged connection with the Youngstown strike. The proceedings were subsequently quashed.

Greene county came nearer than in any recent year to a realization of its dream for railroads to develop its stores of unmined coal. Actual work was begun by the Pennsylvania railroad on extension of its line from Boson to a point beyond Clairsville to a tract of coal which W. H. Warner, of Cleveland, and J. Y. Humphries, of Pittsburgh, and associates are preparing to develop. The organization of the Wheeling, Ohio & Eastern Railroad Company, by eastern and capitalists of Wheeling and the Ohio Valley to build a standard gauge railroad from Wheeling across Greene county to the Monongahela river was quickly followed by the entry in the field of the Wheeling Coal Railroad, an enterprise said to have been formed in the interests of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Its objective has been understood to be a junction with the Marianna branch of the Pennsylvania, but its entry into Wheeling would be along Wheeling creek from the Greene county line westward. Both roads are in the surveys of location with the result that action has been taken in the West Virginia courts to determine the priority of right, a question which has not yet been decided.

Considerable progress was made during the year in the adjustment of

J. V. Thompson's financial affairs. Early in the year the appraisers of his property reported assets having an estimated value of \$55,714,305 and liabilities of \$33,178,862. The matter by proceedings in the court of Fayette county to oust the receivers proved abortive. The J. V. Thompson Creditors' Committee was organized early in the year and the signatures of 98% of the creditors were obtained to the creditors' agreement. Subsequently the assets were secured to a two year's extension of time by mortgage holders on the condition that money be raised by December 9th to pay interest and taxes. A few days prior to that date the announcement was made that the sale of 12,000 acres of Thompson's coal in Cumberland and Jefferson townships, Greene county, had been made to the H. C. Frick Coke Company, at a price approximating about \$7,000,000 for the property with other large sales in process of negotiations. Shortly afterwards the same company acquired the property of the Westmoreland Coke Company in the installation, increasing its holdings in Greene county to upwards of 30,000 acres.

A decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Ore Rate Case broke up the old Valley district into several parts and new groupings of both furnaces and lake ports were made.

The employees of the H. C. Frick Coke Company in the district of the Connellsville region, following the example of those in northern and organized the Frick Fraternity for the purpose of social intercourse and mutual improvement in their work.

The Orient Coke Company, Tower Hill, Connellsville, Coke Company, Thompson Connellsville Coke Company, Connellsville Central Coke Company, Struthers Coal & Coke Company, Briar Hill Coke Company, Union Connellsville Coke Company, Taylor Coal & Coke Company and the Fayette Coke Company joined in the installation and maintenance of a rescue station at Orient. Later the Associated Companies, under the direction of W. G. Duncan, senior inspector, made arrangements to establish similar stations at Connellsville, Brownsville and Uniontown.

The high rates of wages ruling throughout the year and the opportunities for steady employment resulted in exceptionally large earnings by the workers of the region generally. While comparatively few attempted to make records in this direction those coming to public notice illustrate the possibilities of skill and industry when applied to mining in the Connellsville region. As instances it may be noted that Charles Kunish and George Cadluff, loaders in Trotter mine of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, loaded 55 1/2-bushel wagons each of coal within the day's run, receiving for their labor \$14.00 each. In the mines of the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company the pick miners averaged \$4.85 per day during the latter half of August. At Orient, Stinky Carosky, a Polish miner, showed up by sticking to his job steadily every day that it was possible to earn \$1,000 in 210 working days.

**AGENTS ON TRIP.**

R. & O. Takes Freight Men to See Eastern Terminals.

G. M. Tipton, agent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in Connellsville, will leave early next week on a trip of inspection of the eastern terminals of the company at Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

The trip of the agent is part of a plan of the management whereunder the representatives in the various communities may familiarize themselves with the company's property, thus being in better position to serve the needs of patrons in respect to information as to facilities for handling material, thus answering other inquiries. Eighteen other agents have been invited to compose the party.

**SAYS HOT WATER  
WASHES POISONS  
FROM THE LIVER**

Everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it, before breakfast.

To feel as fine as the proverbial fiddle, we must keep the liver washed clean, almost every morning, to prevent its sponge-like pores from clogging with indigestible material, sour bile and poisonous toxins, says a noted physician.

If you get headaches, it's your liver. If you catch cold easily, it's your liver. If you wake up with a bad taste, furred tongue, nasty breath or stomach becomes rancid, it's your liver. Sallow skin, muddy complexion, watery eyes, all denote liver uncleanness. Your liver is the most important, also the most abused and neglected organ of the body. Few know its function or how to release the dammed-up body waste, bile and toxins. Most folks resort to violent calomel, which is a dangerous, salivating chemical which can only be used occasionally because it stimulates in the tissues, also attacks the bone.

Every man and woman, sick or well, should drink each morning before breakfast, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, to wash from the liver and bowels the poisons, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and refreshing the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Limestone phosphate does not restrict the diet like calomel, because it can not salivate, for it is harmless and it can be eaten anything afterwards. It is inexpensive and most tasteful, and any pharmacist will sell you a quarter pound, which is sufficient for a demonstration of how hot water and limestone phosphate cleans, stimulates and refreshes the liver, keeping you feeling fit day in and out.—Adv.







## FAMINE UNABATED; A BIG ADVANCE IN CONTRACT PRICES

Record Shattered When \$8  
Is Paid for 15,000 Tons  
in First Quarter.

FOUNDRY SPOT BRINGS \$12

No Serious Effort Has Been Made By  
Operators to Obtain a Higher Price  
Than This But Dealers Freely Pay  
That Much and Perhaps Some More.

Special to The Weekly Courier.  
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 3.—The famine in  
coke is unabated. Some furnaces are  
banked because railroad embargoes  
prevent any coke from reaching them.  
While others are banked because the  
amount of coke that reaches them  
from day to day is altogether insuffi-  
cient to keep the furnaces in oper-  
ation even at the slowest rate that is  
feasible, while others are running, but  
at reduced rates.

It is understood that the United  
States Steel Corporation has blown in a  
few of the furnaces it banked just  
before Christmas but that the furnaces  
will shortly have to bank again, and  
this time they will be banked for a  
longer stay out of the producing ranks  
than they were the first time. On the  
whole, about the same number of fur-  
naces are banked as was the case a  
week ago.

There has been no material change  
in spot coke prices in the past week,  
but there has been a sharp advance in  
contract prices, owing to general ap-  
preciation of the fact that present  
traffic conditions may last a long  
time, while there is a belief that even  
with normal railroad facilities coke is  
going to be scarce for a long time,  
owing to the heavy consumption in Ger-  
many and the shortage of labor.

Some irregularities have developed  
in the spot furnace coke market by  
reason of railroad embargoes, where-  
by an occasional shipper has cars to  
load but cannot get the coke through  
to his contract customer on account  
of the latter's location being embargoed.  
In such cases the coke goes be-  
low the market, and sales of this  
nature were made last Saturday at  
\$9.50. Where there are no such re-  
strictions spot furnace coke has readi-  
ly brought \$11 during the past week,  
so that the market is unchanged from  
that reported a week ago. In a few  
exceptional instances \$12 has been  
paid for spot furnace. The total turn-  
over, while of fair volume, is al-  
together inadequate to make up the  
great shortage felt by blast furnaces.  
This is a well recognized fact, as there  
are many merchant furnaces running  
light, or actually banked, but a further  
testimony is furnished in the fact that  
the United States Steel Corporation has  
15 to 20 furnaces out of operation and  
it is not attempting to buy coke  
against them, although there is no  
question that the corporation's big  
blast furnaces need coke for the operation  
of all the furnaces.

A sharp advance has occurred in  
ideas as to the value of furnace coke  
on contract. Only a few weeks ago  
\$3.00 was considered a fairly high  
price for the year or half year, as  
much as the coke needed had been  
covered at lower figures, but a fort-  
night ago \$5.00 became commonly  
talked of and there were rumors that  
one or two deals had been put through  
on that basis. A week ago this report  
put the contract market at \$5.00 flat.  
Now no seller would think of naming  
that quotation even for a whole year.  
Some have intimated \$5.50 but it is  
doubtful whether they would actually  
sell, while in other quarters \$5.00 for  
the year is mentioned as the lowest  
price that would be accepted. These  
figures, however, are quite cast in the  
shade by reports that on a round ton-  
nage, over 15,000 tons, \$8.00 has been  
paid for the first quarter. Some sel-  
lers assert that they would rather sell  
first quarter coke at \$3.00 than coke  
for the whole year at \$5.00, as they  
see no definite reason why coke should  
be cheaper after three months have  
expired, while they point out that even  
if good weather later on should carry  
the market down there would be the  
reverse conditions again towards the  
close of this year.

Foundry coke for spot shipment has  
been bringing \$12 readily, as was the  
case a week ago. No serious effort  
has been made by operators to obtain  
a higher price, but as dealers have  
paid \$12 freely there is reason to be-  
lieve they have secured considerably  
more from ultimate consumers.

The contract foundry coke market  
has scored a remarkable advance. If  
the last two transactions reported are  
to be taken as making the market, and  
in the absence of other information  
the presumption is that they do fix  
the market. A few days ago a leading  
producer made a contract for about  
four cars a week over the first half  
of the year at \$7.50, a figure that a  
fortnight before had been merely a  
nominal asking price, and now another  
operator is reported to have made a  
contract to supply nine cars a week  
over the first half to a maker of elec-  
trical machinery in Cleveland, at \$8.50.  
As there have been few sellers of  
foundry coke, irrespective of price, the  
market has been very sensitive.

The market is now quotable as fol-  
lows:  
Spot furnace ..... \$10.00  
Contract furnace ..... \$5.50 to \$5.00  
Spot foundry ..... \$12.00  
Contract foundry ..... \$7.50 to \$8.50  
The pig iron market has continued  
very quiet, except for demand for  
small lots of foundry and malleable  
for prompt shipment. Prices have not  
yielded on account of the light demand  
but are held very firmly, the market  
being quotable as follows:  
Basic ..... \$35.00  
Tie ..... \$35.00  
No. 2 foundry ..... \$35.00 to \$35.50  
Malleable ..... \$35.00 to \$35.50  
Gray force ..... \$35.00 to \$35.50  
These prices are f. o. b. Valley fur-  
naces, prices delivered Pittsburgh being  
higher by the 95-cent freight.

Average prices in December as com-  
puted by Messrs. W. P. Snyder &  
Company from actual sales reported  
to them are announced for December  
at \$3.12 1/2, Valley, for Bessemer, and  
\$30.00, Valley, for basic.

## RAIL BLOCKADE CAUSE OF WORRY

Accumulation at Steel Mills Taxes  
Warehouse Capacity and Crane  
Facilities.

Special to The Weekly Courier.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Ameri-  
can Metal Market and Daily Iron &  
Steel Report will review the steel and  
iron trade tomorrow as follows:

In the councils of the steel trade  
market conditions and prospects are  
wholly secondary to the great prob-  
lems arising from the railroad block-  
ade. Production of steel has been af-  
fected, and shipments are still more  
affected. Accumulations of steel at  
mills have reached important propor-  
tions and will soon be taxing ware-  
house capacity and crane facilities in  
many plants, particularly in the  
Pittsburgh and Valley districts. An im-  
portant meeting of traffic heads of  
Steel Corporation subsidiaries is being  
held in Pittsburgh in the hope of de-  
veloping some new means to cope with  
the situation.

The number of blast furnaces banked  
is approximately the same as a  
week ago. A few have had the blast  
turned on simply for the purpose of  
preparing for banking more securely,  
the first banking having been in-  
tended merely to carry the stocks over  
Christmas. Coal continues to sell at  
fabulous prices both for spot ship-  
ment and for shipment over a period  
of months, but paying high prices  
does not increase the supply, which is  
altogether inadequate.

The shattering in steel market  
activity which was at first attributed  
chiefly to the German peace overture  
of December 12th, is now being  
ascribed more to inventory taking and  
annual accounting operations, which  
yearly become a greater task on ac-  
count of taxation and government  
regulations. No one expects activity  
to be resumed, even at a moderate  
pace, until January is past, but unless  
transportation conditions improve  
there can hardly be a basis for the  
transaction of much business even in  
February. Conditions are such that  
no one is disposed to raise question  
as to the performance of present steel  
prices for months to come.

Goes to Three Cents.  
Due to the increase in price of print  
paper, the Scintilla, O. Gazette, has in-  
creased its price to three cents.  
Wholesale papers have advanced  
the price from 10 cents a week to 15  
cents.

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alluring flend-girl.

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yond a doubt it is the most artistically ambitious and in  
some respects the most notable contribution of the Uni-  
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the appearance of a dancer of such acknowledged pre-  
eminence as ANNA PAVLOVA is, of course, paramount,  
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a sympathetic interpretation of Auber's Opera "Mas-  
aniello."

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THE NECESSARY STOCK readjustments take time—especially after such a busy holiday sea-  
son as that just completed. Preparations, however, are nearing completion and you may ex-  
pect an announcement in these columns at an early date.

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## ROCKWOOD.

ROCKWOOD, Jan. 4.—The young  
son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hood of  
Rockwood was removed to the Cottage  
State Hospital at Connellsville where  
he underwent an operation. He is

## REPORTED TO HAVE STOOD THE OPERATION WELL.

Samuel Shumaker, a well known  
farmer of Black township, was struck  
by train No. 41 on Monday evening  
about two miles east of Rockwood  
while on his way home. His body was  
badly mangled. Funeral services at  
his home on Thursday. He is sur-  
vived by a wife and several children.

Harry Wood of Homestead, spent  
several days this week as the guest  
of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wood  
of Broadway.

Miss Julia Snyder spent the past  
several days with relatives at Con-  
fluence.

George Rideour and son Charles,  
were in Cumberland Wednesday at-  
tending the funeral of a relative.

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